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In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

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For: METHOD FOR KIDNEY DISEASE TREATMENT BY DRUG INTERVENTION

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2003. Accordingly, this response is due on or before August 19, 2003.

Please amend the subject application as follows.